

WAR NEWS.

Resignation of General Burnside—General Hooker Assumes the Command—The Struggle for Spotsylvania—General Burnside's Position—Address to the Army—Sumner and Franklin Rejected of their Commands—Their Successors not yet known.

Fortress Monroe, 24th.
The following has been received from Newbern, dated 17th inst. A movement is on foot asking the authority of Congress to form ten loyal regiments in North Carolina, the material for which is said to be abundant.

Resolutions have been adopted by the 1st N. C. Vols., that one Jennings Pigott, now claiming a seat as Representative from this district, has by his course earned the contempt of all decent men, and richly merits a coat of tar and feathers, and a free ride on a rail should he ever visit Newbern.

Also protesting against the recognition of his election as the majority of the regiment, who as native citizens claim a right to vote, were disfranchised by the trickery of Gov. Stanley and his confederates.

New York, 25th.
Mr. Dunning late army correspondent of the Associated Press, has been released from military arrest, and is now in Philadelphia.

The iron clad now arrived in Hampton Roads Saturday night.

Headquarters Army of Potomac, January 25th.

This morning Major General Burnside turned over the command to Major General Joe Hooker, who came to the camp for that purpose.

As soon as the change became known throughout the army, a great feeling of anxiety of the superior officers called on Gen. Burnside and took their parting leave of him with many regrets.

The following is the address of General Burnside to the army:—

Headquarters Army of Potomac, January 25th.

General Order No. 9.

By direction of the President of the United States, the Commanding General this day transfers the command of this army to Major General Hooker.

The Short time that he has directed your movements has not been fruitful of victory nor any considerable advancement of our lines, but it has again demonstrated an amount of courage, patience and endurance that under most circumstances would have accomplished great results.

Continue these virtues. Be true in your devotion to your country, and the principles you have sworn to maintain. Give to the brave and skillful General who has long been identified with your organization, and who is now to command you, your full and cordial support and cooperation, and you will deserve success.

Your General, in taking an affectionate leave of the army which he separates from with much regret, may be pardoned if he bids an especial farewell to his long tried associates of the 9th corps.

His prayers are that God may be with you and grant you continual success until the rebellion is crushed.

By command of Maj. Gen. Burnside, Lewis Richmond, Acting Adj. Gen.

New York, 25th.

It is understood that Maj. Gen. Franklin and Maj. Gen. Sumner have also been relieved of their commands, the right and left grand divisions of the Army of the Potomac, but the names of their successors have not yet been divulged.

Gen. Burnside, with most of his staff, has been allowed 30 days leave of absence.—They go to New York.

The weather is warm and pleasant. The mud is fast drying up.

Washington, Jan. 24.

The Secretary of the Navy has received the following:

CAIRO, Jan. 23.—I have received a telegram from Memphis, Tenn., D. D. Porter, P. M., from Acting Rear Admiral D. D. Porter, on board the United States steamer Blackhawk at the mouth of the White River, January 20th, as follows:

We have taken St. Charles, Daral's Bluff and Des Aik, and the light draft boats are over 300 miles above the mouth of the White River. The De Kalb, commanding Walker, captured at Daral's Bluff two light gunboats, with cargoes, ammunition, and 200 field rifles and three platform cars, and at Des Aik we captured 30 prisoners and a quantity of arms and ammunition.

(Signed) A. L. Penstock, Fleet Captain

Bill for the Organization of a National Guard—The Republican Ticket Elected in the New York Legislature—Affairs in Tennessee—General Rosecrans greatly needs more Cavalry—The Private Adams in Galveston Harbor—Sir sends one of our Transports and Escapes.

WASHINGTON, 25th.

Senator Wilson's Volunteer Militia Bill provides for a force to be called the National Guard, comprising two hundred regiments of twelve companies each; every regiment to be divided into three battalions, commanded by a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, three Majors and twelve Captains, to be appointed by the Governors of States among which the force is to be distributed pro rata.

Any portion of this militia may be called by the President into the service of the United States during the war of invasion or rebellion.

The McDowell Court of Inquiry sat with closed doors today. It is understood that the testimony of the arrival of General Milroy and Lieutenant Colonel Locke of General Porter's staff, who are the only two witnesses yet to be examined.

United States Tax Commissioners for South Carolina, have made a preliminary report in which they say it must be obvious that the system of taxation is not only unfair but also a source of revenue to the rebels.

In part of that State, under the United States control, scarcely any system has been put to practical test, and owing to casualties and shifting circumstances of military occupation, no permanent labor policy can be inaugurated. The great impediment to progress is the uncertainty which hangs over the colored people. It is a great mistake to suppose them unfaithful of the uncertainty of their condition. Nevertheless they are but tenants at will on the grace of the government, subject to military action and necessity, with a strong desire to obtain permanent and free homes where they were born and reared.

This class of people the Commissioners say are daily throwing their doors anxiously inquiring about their destiny when the lands shall be sold for taxes. They feel the necessity of some guiding hands to direct them into a new state of existence, the immense magnitude of which they appreciate, but the details of which they would not comprehend. The males especially are anxious to continue on or return to their former labor provided they and their families can be assured of their freedom, moderate compensation, freed homes and permanent employment.

James McBride of Oregon, was today nominated by the President as Minister Resident to the Hawaiian Islands.

The Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Eros Eckfeldt of Pennsylvania, to be minister and referee of the branch mint at Denver, Colorado.

Capt. Chas. Stuart, and W. B. Strubbe to be Rear Admirals in the Navy.

Capt. Geo. S. Blake, Jas. L. Lurber, Henry H. Ball, W. Smith, J. W. Livingston, H. B. Thaddeus, W. D. Porter, Jno. S. Misson and Robert C. Hitchcock, to be Commanders in the navy on the active list.

Capt. Joseph Laman to be Commander in the navy on the retired list.

WASHINGTON, 25th.

The Secretary of the Navy has asked for

an appropriation of \$200,000 to establish a navy yard at League Island.

A reply to the resolution of inquiry relating to property seized by the Military Government of the District of Columbia is being prepared, the Secretary of War furnished a communication from Gen. Martindale, detailing circumstances of conflict of military and civil authorities with regard to property of Judge Campbell, who after its seizure by military authorities was subsequently turned over to the Marshall of the District on a writ of replevin.

Gen. Martindale suggests further legislation by Congress to embrace two points—1st Authorizing the seizure of rebel property by military authority, as though martial law existed, but to be transferred to the civil authorities for condemnation and sale in those districts when the civil courts are in operation, and to court martial when the rebellion has interrupted the civil courts.

2d. Continual absence and general reputation for disloyalty, to authorize condemnation and sale unless the owner of property shall appear and prove his loyalty.

The bill passed by the House today appropriates twelve millions for the Post Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1863, for the first time for many years.

No appropriation from the Treasury for postal deficit was required, there being enough of last year's appropriation unexpended to cover the small deficit of the coming year.

ALBANY, N. Y., 25th.

All the Republican members of the Assembly were elected with considerable excitement.

A resolution was introduced charging Mr. Callahan with bribery, corruption, &c. After a long debate without action the Assembly adjourned.

New York, 25th.

Steamer Mary A. Boardman has arrived from New Orleans 13th, and Key West 20th. She brings Galveston advices of the 17th, brought to Key West by steamer Northern Light from New Orleans.

On the 17th, the U. S. ship-of-war Brooklyn in company with six other Federal steamers, were off Galveston, when they saw a steamer in the offing. The steamer Hatteras immediately got under way to speak her, and when within hailing distance asked who she was, and received answer, "Hatteras Magdalen's ship-of-war." The Commander of the Hatteras told them to wait and he would send a boat to her, and he lowered a boat with an officer and crew in her, when the steamer opened her broadside and fired into the Hatteras.

The Brooklyn got under way and sailed in pursuit of the steamer, but night coming on, she lost sight of her, and was compelled to give up the chase.

On returning she found the Hatteras sunk in one fathom of water.

The officers of the Mary Boardman are unable to give any further particulars.

The steamer was not doubt the pirate Alabama.

The Hatteras was merely a transport, but carried four guns, a light calvary, and the transport McClellan.

SAVANNAH, 25th.

Arrived—Steamer Santa, from Panama. She reports that four French war vessels bombarded Acapulco for three days, commencing on the 13th. The fleet was returned from the fort, doing some damage.

The people have abandoned the town—but 12 Mexicans were killed.

The fort was finally silenced, when 100 shells landed and spiked the guns. The fleet then left.

Hooker's Salutation to the Army of Potomac—He will Fight the Enemy Whenever and Wherever He Finds Him.

Headquarters Army of Potomac, January 25th.

The following order has just been published to the Army:

Headquarters Army of Potomac, January 25th.

General Order No. 1.

By direction of the President of the United States, the undersigned assumed command of the Army of the Potomac. He enters upon the discharge of the duties imposed by this trust, with a just appreciation of his responsibility. Since the formation of this army he has been identified with its history; he has shared with you its glories and reverses, with no other desire than that the nation might reach such a condition as to justify the confidence placed in its destiny should be accomplished. In the record of your achievements there is much to be proud of, and with the blessing of God we will contribute something to the removal of our arms and the success of our cause.

To secure these ends your commander will require the cheerful and zealous cooperation of every officer and soldier in this army. In equipment, intelligence and valor the enemy is our inferior. Let us never hesitate to give him battle whenever and wherever we can find him.

The undersigned just gives expression to the feeling of this army when he conveys to our brave commander, Major General Burnside, the most cordial good wishes for his success.

My staff will be announced as soon as organized.

(Signed) JOSEPH HOOKER, Major General Commanding.

The only movement today is a change of locality for the Headquarters.

It is falling; wind south-west; weather mild.

Cameron offers to lead a Negro Brigade—Further particulars of the Alabama Expedition—Large Number of Army Officers to be Dismissed—Farwell Address of Gen. Franklin—Gen. Banks sends an Urgent Request for Spikes—Gen. Andrew Authorizes to raise Negro Regiments.

New York, 25th.

A Yorktown letter of the 24th states that last evening two desperadoes came into our lines, reported that Gen. Wise with 8000 men was within 6 miles of Williamsburg, and advancing on Yorktown to take revenge for the late made by the old New York cavalry to the West of the river.

His men, however, had been dispersed, and he was now on his way to the river.

The Federal Washington dispatch says that Gen. Cameron will soon resign his office of Minister to St. Petersburg, and to day offered to the War department, to lead a brigade of colored soldiers into the heart of the rebellion.

New York, 25th.

Active Master Partridge, the owner sent from the Hatteras to board the pirate vessel, says the cannonade lasted about 20 minutes, when he heard the sound of musketry. By dint of hard pulling he came again in sight, the vessel and found them stopped with the Alabama alongside, and heard cheering from the Alabama, proving that the Hatteras had been captured by boarding.

Denying it best not to be taken prisoner, he pulled back in the direction of our squadron, and was picked up as before stated.

A Key West letter of the 22d says the steamer, after burning the brig Estrella, of Oporto, arrived to Havana, where she was ending at eleven o'clock on the morning of the 21st.

The U. S. steamer San Jacinto and Onida, will go to sea today in search of the pirate and may be successful.

For the information of those interested, I may say that there is not one U. S. ship of war between the Florida reefs and the coast of Cuba.

The "Bio Bio" from New Orleans, arrived in Havana yesterday. She will no doubt be detained there on account of the proximity of rebel cruisers.

A steamer, evidently the Quinehahang transport, is now coming into the harbor.

New York, 25th.

The Herald's Washington dispatch says a list of more than 80 army officers has been

prepared, who are to be summarily dismissed from the service for violating the army regulations by the use of improper language in reference to their superiors and the Commander-in-Chief, in connection with the removal of Gen. McClellan and the court martial sentence of Fitz John Porter.

Gen. Franklin has issued a farewell address to his troops closing as follows: In seeking a connection which you have made so dear he asks that no one will believe that he voluntarily part with you in the face of the enemy.

New York, 25th.

The Star Royal letter of the 24th, states that the Steamer Alabama arrived here yesterday, direct from New Orleans, with an urgent request from Gen. Banks, to the commanding Gen. for a large supply of intrenching tools of all descriptions.

From this we infer that the capture of Port Hudson, of which we have been anxiously hoping to hear, is yet a long way in the future.

The Times, Washington despatch says Gen. Hooker arrived here this morning and had a long interview with the President, Gen. Halleck and the Secretary of War.—He will return to Falmouth to-morrow.

Our pickets at Chantilly were last night driven in by White's guerrillas. There were no casualties or captures.

The New York despatch states that the Gov. Andrew left for Boston to-day, taking with him authority to raise regiments of negroes resident in the State of Mass. for the U. S. service.

NEWBURN, N. C., 25th.

Gen. Foster is desirous of the organization of loyal native North Carolina regiments of artillery and cavalry.

From southern papers received here it appears that great consternation and excitement has been occasioned in the interior by the reported concentration of the Federal troops in this department. It has been ascertained that 75,000 rebel troops have been sent to North Carolina from the Rappahannock, and another force has been withdrawn from there for the same purpose. The rebels believe that the army of the Potomac is completely demoralized and on the eve of mutiny, hence the withdrawal of troops to these points.

New York, 25th.

The steamer Arago from Hilton Head 24th inst., has arrived.

The iron clad Mott and other steamers left Hilton Head on the 24th.

Major General Hunter has arrived and taken command of the Department.

Col. Root of the 9th Maine has resumed command of the regiment.

Rum Atlanta now lies in full view of our blockading fleet in Osibaw Sound.

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